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SUBJECT: AFS SELECTION OF CYPRIOTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1976-77

1. ALL CYPRIOT FAMILIES BUT ONE AGREE, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, TO RAISE CONTRIBUTIONS AS REQUESTED. MOST CLAIM NECESSITY TO OBTAIN LOANS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY SHARES CONCERN THAT UNEXPECTED INCREASES OF UP TO 150 PERCENT WILL ULTIMATELY JEOPARDIZE THE PROGRAM AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE WEALTHY FEW IN A COUNTRY STILL COPING WITH POST-INVASION DISLOCATION OF ECONOMY.

2. CONTACTS WITH FAMILIES PROVIDE THIS NEW AFS STATUS:

A. F4 STAVRI WITHDREW APPLICATION, ALLEGING REASONS OTHER THAN FINANCIAL.

B. F1 KAMENOU, F2 PANAYIOTOU, F5 LOUVIERI, M15 MUSTAFA AND M16 KIUFI AGREE TO PAY CL 250, CL200, CL300, CL150, AND CL150 RESPECTIVELY. M3 IZBIRAK CAN PAY CL 250 ONLY.

C. URGE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR F1 KAMENOU, OUR NO. 1 CANDIDATE. AFS SELECTION COMMITTEE HERE STRESSES THAT ITS ORDERING OF CANDIDATES FIRMLY BASED ON MERIT.

3. IN VIEW WITHDRAWAL OF F4 STAVRI, RECOMMEND PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL GREEK CYPRIOT FROM THOSE ALREADY REJECTED TO MAINTAIN ORIGINAL ETHNIC BALANCE.
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